

Minnesota Women Lawyers (MWL) is dedicated to its mission of advancing women in the legal profession and striving for a just society. In fulfillment of its mission, we have developed programs specifically designed to assist our members reach their full potential in their profession. Many of our members seek positions of public service either as volunteers in the community, serving on government or non-profit boards or commissions, or in full-time careers in the government including judicial positions.

If you are interested in leadership positions as a judge, please consider contacting MWL for membership information. The assistance we offer our members includes:

- Offering “You Can Be A Judge” seminars at which newly appointed judges, members of the Commission on Judicial Selection, and staff from the Governor’s Office discuss the judicial appointment process and give tips and suggestions to interested candidates;
- Providing MWL members with information about expected judicial openings;
- Application review and advice for judicial position openings;
- Mock interviews for judicial position openings;
- Providing information gathered from candidates and judicial appointees about the application and interview process to better prepare candidates for the process;

Studies demonstrate that although women have made progress over the last 40 years, progress has stalled. As reported in the White House Project Report in November 2009, women comprise an average of only 18% of leadership positions in 10 different professions, including medicine and law. Nationally, only 27% of judicial positions are held by women. MWL is determined to achieve parity in the legal profession in Minnesota and is in a position to help you prepare for a leadership position. Please call Deb Pexa at 612-338-3205 or visit www.mnlawyers.org.